

**LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ACTION ITEM
BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE**

Item #12

**SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF PROPOSED “LUCKETTS BYPASS” ON ROUTE 15 FROM
FURTHER CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE DRAFT COUNTYWIDE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

INITIATED BY: Sally Kurtz

ELECTION DISTRICT: Catoctin

BACKGROUND:

On October 4, 2005, the Board of Supervisors initiated an amendment to the Revised General Plan to initiate review and update of the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). In June 2006, a consultant was contracted to provide an update to the County’s transportation model to determine future traffic congestion, make recommendations on major road corridors, and prepare draft amendments to the CTP text and maps. The Draft CTP produced by the consultant including text and map was released in May 2007.

Shortly thereafter, public comment on the Draft CTP was received through the Countywide Transportation Plan Update website and public meetings. Included in the consultant’s recommendations of the Draft CTP is a proposed bypass that parallels the Route 15 corridor beginning south of the Village of Lucketts and extending north to the area of St. Clair Lane, and is known as the “Lucketts Bypass.” Because of overwhelming public sentiment against this proposed bypass, at the June 18th 2007, Planning Commission Public Hearing, the Planning Commission recommended that the Lucketts Bypass be removed from any further consideration in the Draft Countywide Transportation Plan.

Following the June 2007 Planning Commission Public Hearing, the Planning Commission established subcommittees for the eastern, central and western areas of Loudoun. Between July and September 2007, the subcommittees which consisted of County staff, the consultant, and members of the Planning Commission met with residents of Western Loudoun including many that lived adjacent to the Route 15 corridor. In December of 2007, the Planning Commission voted to accept the recommendations of the Western Subcommittee and forwarded the completed portions of the Draft CTP including the approved Western Subcommittee Report to the Board of Supervisors on 17 December 2007 (see Attachment 1 and 2).

At this time, Planning Commission certification of the above recommendations has expired without any action being taken by the Board, nor have they provided any specific direction to County Staff or the Planning Commission regarding the status of the Draft CTP. At the June 3rd 2008 BOS Meeting, Supervisor Burton successfully put forth a similar item to withdraw the Hillsboro Bypass from further consideration from the Draft CTP and to support the recommendations put forth by Planning Commission in December 2007. Supervisor Kurtz would like to reiterate support of the same recommendations by the Planning Commission in December 2007 and to confirm the removal of the “Lucketts Bypass” from the Draft CTP.

DRAFT MOTION:

“I move that the Board of Supervisors support the removal of the “Lucketts Bypass” from the Draft CTP and strongly advise that the current Planning Commission recertify the recommendations of the previous Planning Commission without change as they were presented in December 2007.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: January 24th, 2008 Memo from the 2004-2007 Planning Commission re: CPAM 2005-0009 recommendations.
- Attachment 2: Excerpt from the Planning Commission’s Western Subcommittee Report

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